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## ISLAND IS OPEN TO ALL HUNTERS

## CORONER'S JURY HOLDS INQUEST

Injunction by Lower Court in Princess Anne County Thrown Out on Appeal.

Finds That Miners Were Killed by an Explosion of Dynamite.

Sportsmen generally will be interested in an opinion rendered yesterday by the Supreme Court of Appeals in the case of Meredith and others against the Triple Island Gunning Club of Princess Anne county, which is reversed and the bill dismissed with costs to the appellants. The action involves the title to Half Moon Island in Back Bay, Princess Anne county, the charge being that the defendants created an artificial island by staking and driving a line of earth between at a point only a few hundred yards from Half Moon Island, a famous resort for sportsmen, and regarded as one of the best duck blinds in that section. In the statement of agreed facts it is admitted that neither island has any practical value save for the purpose of hunting ducks, and that the natural islands being nothing but small sand bars, rising a few feet above the surface of the bay. It is charged that the defendants, by the alleged artificial island and its use as a duck blind, Half Moon Island has been ruined for the only purpose for which it was of value, and that the defendants have thereby diverted the course of ducks and other game which formerly flew in long lines from the island to the mainland, and that being the middle point between other islands.

The Circuit Court of Princess Anne county granted a decree perpetually enjoining the defendants from creating or maintaining any artificial island, or any other structure, or any other means for the purpose of shooting or fishing or for any other purpose, and from this injunction decree the defendants appealed.

The State statutes for the protection of game, says the opinion handed down yesterday by Judge Keith, are not intended for the benefit of the citizens of the Commonwealth. The appellees have failed to show any such thing, and the State has no right to interfere with its citizens in the exercise of their rights as citizens to the protection of a court of equity. If the acts complained of constitute a nuisance, the State is not to be heard, and if the acts complained of violate the criminal law, those guilty should be proceeded against in the proper manner, and if the acts complained of violate the criminal law, those guilty should be proceeded against in the proper manner, and if the acts complained of violate the criminal law, those guilty should be proceeded against in the proper manner.

### LEE'S BIRTHDAY

Business Men's Club and Lee Camp Have Special Celebrations.

The Business Men's Club will hold open house today in honor of the birthday of General Robert E. Lee. The buffet luncheon being served in the club dining room from 12 to 2 P. M. The club is open to all who are invited to the celebration.

The birthday of General Lee will also be observed at Lee Camp Hall to-day, when special exercises will be held under the auspices of Richmond Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy. The club and camp offices generally will be closed, and the day observed as a holiday, the courts adjourning for the day.

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## FEAR TROUBLE IF ICE HITS BRIDGE

City Engineer's Men Stand By With Dynamite Ready to Blast Big Gorge.

DANGER FROM FRESHETS

Ninth Street Structure, Wabbly at Best, Kept Under Close Guard.

Vigorous efforts are being made by the City Engineer's Department to save the old Ninth Street Bridge from damage in the event of the formation of an ice gorge in the river. Dynamite charges have been stored at convenient places for ready access, and the condition of the river is being closely watched by a number of men, night and day.

Realizing the serious consequences which would result from lack of communication between the city and South Richmond and Chesterfield, City Engineer Bolling put eighteen men to work yesterday morning cutting the ice away from the support of the bridge, and keeping open a clear channel between the various sections of traffic. So far all has gone well, but if the warm rain predicted by the Weather Bureau comes to-day, an enormous amount of ice in the upper river will come down on the crest of a freshet made by the melting of snow throughout the entire James River Valley.

Only Route for Traffic.

The tottering condition of the bridge was realized as soon as it was turned over to the city by the old James River Bridge Commission, following consolidation of the city and Manchester. Engineers reported that it had outlived its usefulness, but since it was the only means of general traffic other than the railroad bridges, pending completion of the new Mayo Bridge, the importance of keeping it open was fully realized, and more than \$12,000 has been expended in the past year in temporary repairs.

A part of this consisted of the erection of timber trestle work, resting on the rock bed of the river, to support the weaker spans. With this trestle in place, and under ordinary river conditions, the bridge is stronger than it has been in many years, but the method of construction was admittedly a makeshift—merely an attempt to keep the structure open to travel for a few months longer.

The cold weather of the past two weeks has kept the river at this point more than twelve inches thick, while above here the river is frozen from bank to bank.

With the thaw of yesterday the ice began to give way, and the river is already showing the effect of the rapidly melting snow. In some places the ice is now several feet above the bridge, and the rain coming predicted, a serious freshet is anticipated. On the crest of this freshet may come the broken ice in great blocks, swirling and grinding about the props of the bridge, and it is not impossible that one or more spans may be carried away.

### Night Force Within Reach.

All of yesterday the men worked clearing the frame work of ice and cutting channels between. When the gung was laid off at night each man gave his address, and a system was arranged for the emergency.

Sticks of dynamite suitable for blasting away great formations of ice which might dam the stream and endanger the bridge or threaten to cause a freshet not over-looked by the city engineer. Plans for the night were made in the event of the bridge being cut off, and the men were alerted for the night. The city engineer's office, remained on the job all night, in charge of a double force of watchmen, reporting at intervals by telephone to Assistant Engineer Hankins, who has charge of bridges.

City Engineer Bolling made a critical inspection yesterday afternoon, and decided that it was not necessary to close the bridge to traffic under present conditions. Arrangements have been made and watchmen so placed that in the event of the formation of any sudden ice gorge the bridge may be closed to traffic and roped off. In the event of any span being weakened or carried away by the ice, arrangements will be made at once for temporary timber construction to carry the roadbed of the bridge, so that traffic may be resumed at the earliest possible moment. Both in the Water and Engineer's Departments, where river conditions have given much cause for apprehension in the past few days, the hope is expressed that before another winter South Richmond will be adequately supplied with a permanent bridge and a well laid water connection, which will not be put out of business with the first touch of freezing weather.

### WILSON AGAIN CHOSEN

Re-Elected President of Commonwealth Club at Annual Meeting Last Night.

Julien Wilson was re-elected president of the Commonwealth Club at the annual meeting held last night. Other officers, all of whom were re-elected, were as follows:

W. Brydon Tennant, vice-president; L. A. Wyatt, secretary; and Abram Warlick, treasurer.

New members of the board of directors elected were Kirkwood Mitchell, John C. White, William H. Parrish, Stuart C. Tenke and E. C. Mayo.

The hold-over members are P. St. Julien Wilson, Thomas B. McAdams, Saunders, Houston, Polk, and L. D. Aylett. M. C. Branch, I. W. Fisher and E. A. Reynolds.

Mr. Aylett, who has served as secretary of the club for ten years, was presented with a handsome silver loving cup.

A real Commonwealth dinner was served after the meeting, and there was an orchestra on hand to make things lively.

### CONVICT PURSE SNATCHER

Percy Beckley Goes to Bonds for Three Years for Robbing Mrs. H. H. Beckley.

Percy Beckley, 35, negro, who snatched a pocketbook containing \$4 from Mrs. H. H. Beckley, on Howell Street, Sunday night, was convicted yesterday in the Hustings Court and was sentenced to three years on the penitentiary.

A. C. Stanley, charged with robbing a showcase of several feathers, was released to the minimum jail sentence, to work that he did not know where he was doing, and the jury was merciful to the defense of \$125 from J. H. Yearman, and was sentenced to sixty days in jail.

## THORNTON GETS ANOTHER TRIAL

Cashier of Charlotte Bank Wins Point on Appeal to State Supreme Court.

RECORD FULL OF ERRORS

New Trial to Banker Who Was Given One-Year Sentence in Penitentiary.

F. C. Thornton, cashier of the wrecked Charlotte Bank and Trust Company, who was convicted of violation of the State banking laws and sentenced to serve one year in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$100, was granted a new trial yesterday by the Supreme Court of Appeals. The judgment of the Circuit Court of Charlotte being reversed. Thornton was charged with making a false statement of the condition of the bank to the State Corporation Commission in violation of the general call for a statement of the condition of banks operating under the State laws.

In the opinion handed down by Judge Keith, president of the court, failure to identify papers and proper presentation of the case is sharply scored, this being the chief ground of reversal. While such errors are what is commonly called "technical," the Supreme Court holds that in the administration of the law it has no option but to insist that the record be ascertained with certainty and be so attested as to leave no doubt of its authenticity.

Twenty-nine bills of exceptions were taken out by one of them, which Judge Keith, were the papers so identified as to constitute a proper record.

### Court's Opinion.

The opinion says: "While it is a matter of regret that this difficulty is so frequent occurrence, we have no choice but to enforce the law as we find it. The law is not perfect, but for the administration of justice in accordance with established modes of procedure, it is necessary to insist that the law be ascertained with certainty and be so attested as to leave no doubt as to its authenticity. In order that the law be ascertained with certainty and be so attested as to leave no doubt as to its authenticity, it is necessary to insist that the law be ascertained with certainty and be so attested as to leave no doubt as to its authenticity."

The record of the case repeatedly has in brackets the names of the witnesses, and the evidence shown by stenographic report and identified by signature of the witnesses. The court says Judge Keith in his opinion, "that the signature of the judge of the Circuit Court, by which the report of evidence and the papers referred to were to be identified, is nowhere to be found in the record, and there is, as a matter of fact, no identification of the papers."

The opinion does not place the blame on any particular official for the errors.

### FINDS GAME GONE

Charles Lee, colored, charged with Stealing Geese, Turkey and Rabbits. Henry Goode, colored, was arrested yesterday on suspicion of having committed the same offense.

Charles Lee, colored, was arrested by Detectives Atkinson and Krangel on a charge of stealing three rabbits, one turkey and some geese from Charles Winfield.

### Negro Brakeman Hurt.

Robert Dickson, colored, thirty-seven years old, a brakeman employed by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, was taken to the Memorial Hospital yesterday noon suffering from a fractured arm. He was hurt while at work making up a train.

### Money From Ginter Park.

The women of Ginter Park, through the efforts of Mrs. F. M. Ginter, Mrs. E. D. Sampson, have raised and turned in to the treasurer of the Associated Charities the sum of \$75.

## COLONEL F. F. SMITH TELLS OF GOOD ROADS

Distinguished Guest Gives Advice to Automobile Club for Construction of Virginia Link in Quebec-to-Miami Highway--Soon Begin Work.

Colonel F. F. Smith, special representative of the American Association for the Highway Movement, was the guest of the Richmond Automobile Club at a special meeting held in the club rooms last night. Colonel Smith, during the evening spoke to the members present upon the value and importance of the Quebec-to-Miami highway, and the construction of roads in general. He stated that the highway is the missing link. All of the rest of the way has been provided for. New York has \$50,000,000 to spend for good roads. The road from Quebec to Montreal is practically completed. In Delaware money has been appropriated. In New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

### Ready in the South.

"Information from North and South Carolina is most satisfactory. Georgia has its part done, while in Florida, where I am now going, road construction is well under way. This highway is just one of four which will cover the entire United States. It is the first to be built, and your work is just beginning."

The total mileage of the highway is approximately 2,100 miles.

Colonel Smith then pointed out the advantages which would come to the State and others who lived along the route of the highway. He stated that the highway would be a great benefit to the farmers of that country, and that the highway would be a great benefit to the State and others who lived along the route of the highway.

### Permanent Organizations.

Preston Belvin, chairman of the Virginia Automobile Club, thanked the speaker on behalf of the club, and added that it was expected to hold a meeting in the near future, to which all the visitors in all of the counties would be invited. Permanent good roads societies will be formed and the work spread by his way. He also pointed out the opinion that Congress was ready to help in the cause, and also that the Virginia National Society, which has a fund of \$2,000,000, could be induced to aid in the construction of this road as a memorial to Lincoln.

Just as soon as President Wilson, of the Chamber of Commerce, names his committee a conference will be held with the committee of the Automobile Club, when definite plans will be made. While estimates as to the cost of the road from Richmond to Washington, D. C., are not yet made, it has been formed by which it can be built for considerably less than that sum.

One of the most striking points made by Colonel Smith was that while the government spent every year \$500,000,000 on harbor and river improvements, not one cent was expended on roads, even though Uncle Sam traveled over these roads 1,000,000 miles a day in the distribution of rural mail.

## YODER'S PRINTER ORDERED TO PAY

Supreme Court Upholds Saunders Verdict Against Williams Company.

LAW OF LIBEL MADE CLEAR

Judge Keith Explains Point on Which Public Officer Is Awarded Damages.

In an extended opinion handed down yesterday by the Supreme Court of Appeals the law of libel in Virginia is clearly set forth. The verdict of the Law and Equity Court of damages in the sum of \$1,500 in the suit of Clyde W. Saunders against Rufus C. Williams and Roy A. Williams, publishers of the Williams Printing Company, and Adon A. Yoder being affirmed. Judge Keith, who wrote the opinion, discusses at some length the instructions of the trial court bearing on privileged publications. Yoder was the author and the Williams firm the printer and publisher of a pamphlet on an appropriate title, which in certain specific issues sharply criticized Clyde W. Saunders, then a Democratic candidate for the City of Richmond, in connection with a primary election. The defense claimed that the publication came within the scope of privileged matter, but the lower court did not take that view, and its decision is now upheld.

As to exceptions noted by the defense, the opinion states that the evidence of certain articles published in the same pamphlet in issues prior to and subsequent to the specific publication, it follows as a matter of course, that the opinion holds that the defense failed to prove the general scope and character of the publication—that articles of a similar character reflecting on the character of the publication—were introduced to show that the publication was "reckless and indifferent to the rights of others and tending to show malice."

### The Plea of Privilege.

As to the plea of privilege, Judge Keith says:

"The power is vested in and consequently derived from the people, and magistrates are their trustees and servants and at all times amenable to the people. It follows as a necessary consequence that the people have a right to be informed of the conduct and character of their public agents. In the case of an individual, the information for a libel against public officers or candidates for office the truth is a justification."

In this case, however, it is noted that Williams and Yoder did not attempt to prove the truth of the statement sued upon, but merely alleged that at the time of its writing and publication they believed it to be true, and hence published it without malice. "Publication of the truth regarding the character of a public officer," says the opinion, "and relating to his qualifications for such office, made with intent to inform the people, are not libelous, and are a necessary consequence of the right of the people to be informed of the conduct and character of their public agents. In the case of an individual, the information for a libel against public officers or candidates for office the truth is a justification."

### Probably Fatally Hurt.

The condition of John L. Crump, who fell Wednesday evening while leaving his home in East Marshall Street and was taken to the hospital, is said to be critical. He is at the Virginia Hospital, where he was operated on at 1 o'clock yesterday morning.

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## PAPER PUT RIGHT BY EDITOR LUTZ

## CHAMBER SEEKING BIG CONVENTIONS

Manchester Bee Comes Over to Democratic Ranks, and Town Shouts Approval.

Campaign Begun Two Years Ago Will Be Continued With Renewed Vigor.

Maybe it was due to the signs of the thing and maybe not, but when word came over the river last night that the Manchester Weekly Bee had been bought by the Democratic Party, the chamber of commerce, and the Republicans, there was some rejoicing and quite a few tears. But it took a little time to get the Bee into the hands of the new editor, who is a Republican, and a law student at Richmond College, is the new editor, his associate being Joseph T. Bethel, who looks after the business end.

Editor Lutz came down Hull Street yesterday with a handful of copies under his arm when the report spread over the Southside that he had put the Bee in right at last. Somebody stopped Editor Lutz, and as Editor Lutz began to explain so many others crowded around that Editor Lutz was forced to stand on a soap box and explain. Editor Lutz found that it was easier to read a few lines from his salutatory, which he had written the evening before while the printers were screening for copy. "Under present conditions progress in Virginia is almost impossible," he said. "Therefore, without being in any sense a party man, I am going to plan or fortunes of any man or men, faction or clique, the Weekly Bee will be a newspaper for the people. The soundest and highest principles of State Democracy."

There were cheers. "Read some more, boy," came a shout, after which Editor Lutz, plucked another paragraph from his hat and read it off. "The paper will carefully discriminate between men and measures, between fixed principles and temporary fads, between the party itself and ambitious men who may seek to use the party for their own purposes." "Spoken like a man," came the chorus from the crowd, whereupon Editor Lutz blushed and walked away. Though Democratic, the Weekly Bee is opposed to suffragettes.

### ANOTHER JOB PROVIDED

Alderman Grimes Protests at Patronage System in City Parks.

Over the protest of Mr. Grimes, the Committee on Grounds and Buildings last night voted to add an additional laborer at Monroe Park from February 1 to March 1. Mr. Grimes protested that it was customary to add a man at that time to prepare flower beds and clean the paths. Mr. Grimes insisted that it was merely to give some man a job. Both Mr. Don Leavy and Mr. Seaton protested that the addition of a man was a necessary part of the park system. The general park system came in for some discussion. Each park has a keeper and a specified number of laborers employed by the year, whose pay is fixed by ordinance. To this force the committee is allowed to add extra men for the day, who are paid by the day, from the expense account of the department. Mr. Grimes wanted to know who had a superintendent for all city parks, who would have under him a sufficient force of laborers, who might be transferred from park to park as needed. The committee took no action.

Requests were submitted to the Finance Committee for funds for further alterations for the City Auditorium, and for acquisition of additional property to enlarge Riverside Park.

### POLICE COURT CASES

Mrs. Amanda Ritter Fined \$50 for Selling Homemade Wine to Policemen.

Mrs. Amanda Ritter was fined \$50 and given twelve months in the Police Court yesterday morning for selling intoxicants in her home at 148 East Main Street. Officer Duggan went into the house and bought a glass of wine. He drank it smack his lips in appreciation and then arrested Mrs. Ritter. She pleaded that she made the wine herself, and thought it was not in violation of law to sell a homemade product.

Martha Robinson, colored, drew sixty dollars from the pockets of a man who was arrested for stealing a muff and other valuables from Charles Jefferson.

Stephen Danian drew a like admission card for stealing clothing from William Banian.

### G. O. P. MEETING

District Republicans Will Arrange to Send Delegates to Conventions.

C. Ridgway Moore, chairman of the Third Virginia District Republican Committee, has called a meeting for tomorrow noon in his office in the Mutual Building. At this time arrangements will be made for the convention, when delegates to the State Convention, which meets in Roanoke on March 12, and to the national convention, June 18, in Chicago, will be named.

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